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LORD Hugh Conway, Captain of His Majesty's Ship the Leviathan, arrived here this Day with a Dispatch from Vice-Admiral Lord Hood, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to Philip Stephens, Esq; of which the following is a Copy.

Victory, in the Outer Road of Toulon, Auguſt 29, 1793.

SIR,

IN my Letter of the 25th, (of which I herewith send a Duplicate, and also of it's Inclosures) I had the Honor to acquaint you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, of the Situation of Things at Toulon and Marseilles: Since that several Messages have passed between me and the Sections of Toulon; and, having Assurances that they had proclaimed Louis XVII. King, and had sworn to acknowledge him, and no longer suffer the Despotism of the Tyrants which at this Time govern France, and that they would be zealous in their Endeavours to restore Peace to their distracted and calamitous Country, I came to the Resolution of landing 1500 Men, and take Possession of the Forts which command the Ships in the Road. St. Julien, a turbulent hot-headed Democrat, (to whom the Seamen had given the Command of the Fleet in the room of Trogoffe) had the Command of the Forts on the Left of the Harbour, and declared Resistance.

In all Enterprizes of War, Danger, more or less, is to be expected, and must be submitted to: But, impressed with the great Importance of taking Possession of Toulon, the great Fort of Malgue, and others on the Main, in shortening the War, I fully relied, that, in case my Endeavours should not succeed, I should be justified in running some Risque, being conscious I acted, to the best of my Judgement, as a faithful Servant to my King and Country; therefore, at Midnight on the 27th, I made the necessary Arrangements for putting the Troops on Shore, as near as possible to the great Fort, without their being molested by those Batteries in the Hands of St. Julien, under the immediate Protection of the Meleager and Tartar, supported by the Egmont, Robust, Courageux, and Colossus, which were all in the Fort by Noon on the 28th. And I authorized

Captain

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land and enter, at ps, the Fort of on him the Charge ernor; and directed his anchoring, to remptory Notice to St. Julien, that ſuch Ships as did not immediately proceed into the Inner Harbour, and put their Powder on Shore, ſhould be treated as Enemies. All but Seven, whoſe Crews ran off with St. Julien, removed in the Courſe of the Day.

It is impoſſible for me to expreſs my Obligation to Don Langara, adequate to my Feelings of it, for the ſingular Honor of his implicit Confidence in, and good Opinion of me, in the Promptitude his Excellency manifeſted to comply with the Wiſhes contained in my Second Letter; as his Excellency was not content with ſending Admiral Gravina, but came with his whole Squadron, except Four, which he left to bring a Body of Troops from the Army at Roſellon, and made his Appearance from the Deck of the Victory as the Troops from His Majeſty's Squadron under my Command were in the Act of Landing. Admiral Gravina came on board; and, upon my explaining to him the Neceſſity of as many Spaniſh Troops being put on Shore immediately as could be ſpared, he told me he was authorized by his Admiral to pay Attention to any Requeſt I ſhould make, and undertook to prepare 1000 at leaſt, to be landed this Morning, under the Protection of the Four Ships I had ordered to anchor, and were all in the Fort before Twelve o'Clock.

I herewith tranſmit a Copy of Don Langara's Letter, in Anſwer to mine of the 25th.

The Corps of Cartau has been at Marſeilles, and committed all Manner of Enormities, and is now on it's March to Toulon, expecting to join the Army near at Hand from Italy. The former conſiſts of 10,000 Men; the Number of the latter is not aſcertained, but, be it more or leſs, I truſt the Whole will make no Impreſſion even upon the Town of Toulon; upon the Fort of Malgue, I am pretty confident, they cannot do it.

Information has juſt been ſent me that Cartau has planned to ſend away from Marſeilles all the Money, as well as Merchandize, in the Town: The former is ſaid to conſiſt of Four Millions of Livres; but I have planned to prevent him, by having ſent off Marſeilles Two Ships of the Line, with Orders not to ſuffer any Veſſel to ſail; and I am now ſending Two Frigates, which I could not ſpare before.

After having taken Poſſeſſion of Toulon and the Forts, I judged it expedient to iſſue another Proclamation, which Captain Elphinſtone tells me has had a very happy Effect; a Copy of which I alſo incloſe.

The Knowledge of this Event to the King and His Majeſty's Miniſters appears to me of that Magnitude, that I think it expedient to adopt Two Modes of Conveyance, one by the Way of Barcelona, and the other Genoa.

Lord Hugh Conway has the Charge of one Diſpatch, and the Honorable Captain Waldegrave the other, who will be able to inform His Majeſty's Miniſters, at thoſe Places they may paſs, of the Allied Powers.

I have the Honor to be,
SIR,
Your moſt obedient
humble Servant,
(Signed) HOOD.

Philip Stephens, Eſq;

PROCLAMATION,

By the Right Honorable Samuel Lord Hood, Vice-Admiral of the Red, and Commander in Chief of His Britannic Majeſty's Squadron in the Mediterranean, &c. &c. &c.

WHereas the Sections of Toulon have, by their Commiſſioners to me, made a ſolemn Declaration in Favor of Monarchy, have proclaimed Louis XVII.

XVII. Son of the late Louis XVI. their lawful King, and have ſworn to acknowledge him, and no longer ſuffer the Deſpotiſm of the Tyrants, which at this Time govern France, but will do their utmoſt to eſtabliſh Monarchy, as accepted by their late Sovereign in 1789, and reſtore Peace to their diſtracted and calamitous Country.

I do hereby repeat, what I have already declared to the People of the South of France, that I take Poſſeſſion of Toulon, and hold it in Truſt only for Louis XVII. until Peace ſhall be re-eſtabliſhed in France, which I hope and truſt will be ſoon.

Given on board His Britannic Majeſty's Ship Victory, off Toulon, the 28th of Auguſt, 1793.

(Signed) HOOD.

By Command of the Admiral,
(Signed) *Jn° M'Arthur*, Sec.

Moſt Excellent Lord,

I HAVE received your Excellency's much-eſteemed Letter, with the Intelligence therein mentioned, and incloſing a Copy of your Proclamation. In conſequence, I cannot reſiſt taking the greateſt Intereſt in the Common Cauſe; and, conſidering the Effects that might reſult from my not taking Advantage of ſo favorable an Opportunity, I have determined to proceed immediately, in View of your Squadron; and, at the ſame Time, I diſpatched an Expreſs to the Commander in Chief of the Army in Roſellon, deſiring that he would embark in Four Ships, which I left for that Purpoſe, Two or Three Thouſand of the beſt Troops, to be employed as your Excellency wiſhes in the Operations you have pointed out.

May God preſerve you a Thouſand Years.

Moſt Excellent Lord,
I kiſs your Lordſhip's Hands,
Your moſt obedient, and faithful humble Servant,
(Signed) *Juan de Langara & Huarte.*

On board of the Mexicano, off the Coaſt of Roſellon, the 26th of Auguſt, 1793.

Admiral Lord Hood.

Whitehall, September 16.

CAPTAIN Robinſon, of the Brilliant Frigate, arrived Yeſterday Evening at the Office of the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, His Majeſty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, with the following Diſpatch from Colonel Sir James Murray, Adjutant-General to the Forces under the Command of His Royal Highneſs the Duke of York.

Dixmude, September 14, 1793.

SIR,

I Take the Opportunity of Captain Robinſon, of the Brilliant Frigate, going to England, to inform you, that the Dutch Poſts upon the Lys were forced by the Enemy upon the 12th. In conſequence of this the Troops of the Republic have abandoned Menin, and have fallen back upon Bruges and Ghent. His Royal Highneſs means to march this Day to Thouroute.

Accounts were received this Morning that an Engagement had taken Place at Villers en Couchée, near Queſnoy, in which the French were defeated, with the Loſs of 3000 Men and 11 Pieces of Cannon.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

JA. MURRAY.

Right Hon. Henry Dundas,
&c. &c. &c.

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